

May 22, 2012

Governor Matt Mead
State Capitol, 200 West 24th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82002-0010

Re: AP Exclusive: Wyo. Got EPA to delay frack finding and the continuing Pavillion area groundwater contamination

The Honorable Governor Mead,

After continual requests that your administration address the contamination issues in EnCana's Pavillion/Muddy Ridge gas field and in light of the AP article referenced above, Pavillion Area Concerned Citizens (PACC) request that you take immediate action to protect the air, water, lands and public health of the Pavillion area and the state of Wyoming.

Contamination in the Pavillion area has been exacerbated by the state of Wyoming's inadequate inspections of EnCana's Pavillion/Muddy Ridge gas field, extremely poor identification of contamination and its sources, and inferior remediation of the few contaminated sites the state has addressed. Had the following Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (WOGCC) rule and Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) Mission Statement to protect Wyoming's environment and public health been followed, we would not be in the mess we're in.

The RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE WYOMING OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION, *Effective September 15, 2010*, CHAPTER 2, Section 1. (b) These rules are intended to protect human health and the environment through the utilization of proven methods which are designed to avoid contamination of the soils, groundwater, and surface water at a drilling or producing location.

Per the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality website; <http://deq.state.wy.us/mission.htm>
DEQ Mission:

To protect, conserve and enhance the quality of Wyoming's environment for the benefit of current and future generations.

Adding insult to very serious injury, your administration not only ignored its mandates, it organized and conducted a campaign to discredit the on-going EPA Pavillion groundwater contamination investigation and postponed the release of scientific conclusions that Wyoming citizens need to protect their health and well being. Your administration called for greater transparency from the federal agencies, while obscuring information given to the citizens you are charged with representing and protecting. While EPA conducts a state of the art, science-based investigation, your agencies question and attack the methods and protocols being used, but offer no expertise, funding or plans for testing to resolve the serious contamination we live with. Agency directors are quoted with worrying about how investigation results will affect state revenues instead of Wyoming citizens' health.

After years of being told the State has no money or expertise to conduct investigations in the Pavillion/Muddy Ridge gas field, it is unclear why your administration does not cooperate with the federal agency that has brought both. It is past time for the state to fully cooperate with the EPA, Tribes and affected residents to establish the contamination and its source.

We suggest your administration take the following immediate actions to address the contamination issues in EnCana's Pavillion/Muddy Ridge gas field and to ensure protection of Wyoming citizens:

- The resignations or termination of employment for all Wyoming State Agency personnel who did not follow their agency mandates to protect the Wyoming environment and public health of Wyoming citizens.
- Full written explanation and accounting of meetings, briefings, media releases, and strategies discussed and put in place by your office and the State agencies from November 4, 2011,

through the present, addressing all information provided by the EPA regarding the Pavillion area groundwater contamination investigation and the EPA draft report.

- Any and all recommendations from the Mead administration and communications between the Governor's office, state agencies and all stakeholders, including, but not limited to industry, the federal agencies, the tribes, private citizens and affected Pavillion area residents, concerning contamination in the Pavillion/Muddy Ridge gas field and the EPA draft report on the Pavillion groundwater contamination investigation .
- A clear, concise and transparent written explanation of all past and present state-recommended investigations and actions addressing the contamination in EnCana's Pavillion/Muddy Ridge gas field, and the findings and results of any such investigations..
- All materials, reports and information discussed and prepared for all face-to-face meetings, phone conversations, emails, and written communications regarding the pits and well integrity working groups.
- A listing of any schedule(s) for future face-to-face and phone meetings for the pits and well integrity working groups.
- A date, time and venue for all upcoming meetings and all correspondences, analysis and information regarding water replacement systems being considered for contaminated wells used to provide drinking, household, stock, garden and lawn water in the affected Pavillion area.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Fenton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Fenton" clearly distinguishable.

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